

III. REMARKS

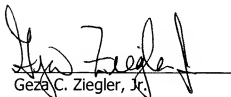
1. Claims 1, 3, 7 - 9 and 10 are amended. Claims 2 and 4 - 6 are cancelled without prejudice. Claims 11 - 30 are new.

2. Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter in claim 6. The claims have been amended to include this subject matter. Accordingly, the independent claims and the claims that depend therefrom should now be allowable.

For all of the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now present in the application are clearly novel and patentable over the prior art of record, and are in proper form for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested. Should any unresolved issues remain, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

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